"P al in Asia." Text, Acts al-28.

By J. E. Gilbert, D. D. ceretary of American Society of Re-

ligious Education. Introduction .- The doctrinal part of the New Testament is in the form of letters. Thirteen of these, perhaps fourteen (the authorship of Hebrews being questioned), were written by Paul and addressed to churches and ministers among the Gentiles. The greek central theme in each of Paul's letters was justification by faith. The emphasis laid on that doctrine tended to obscure certain legal and moral aspects of the Gospel. Seven other epistles (perhaps eight, apostles who had known Jesus-Peter, James, because they were addressed to Christians generally. They mirror the condition of the Church during the latter part of the apostolle period, and correct any one-sided view which night have resulted from the Pauline writings alone. The epistle from which we study to-day was written at Jerusalem, by James,

our Lord's brother, about A. D. 62. Question.—Verse 14, the first in the lesson, contains a question that springs out of certain considerations presented in pre-ceding verses. The outward, or practical aspects of religion, had passed under review. Principal among them was a discrimination of the rich against the poor, a course highly improper in a follower of Christ and offenaire to every well-disposed person. (Verses I to 7.) James also shows that such conduct I to 7.) James also shows that such coolance is contrary to the moral law, which is still the standard of conduct. (Verses 9 to 13.) This leads to the inquiry, "What doth it profit, though a man say he hath faith and have not works? Can faith save him?" (Matt. vl., 26. No answer was expected to this question. It was intended as a rebuke to those who made a profession of belief, but whose conduct was contrary to the great principles laid down in the word of God. It was an appeal to the good sense of the persons addressed.

Illustration.-To make his point more forcible the apostle illustrates it by displaying another element of religion better enderstood. (Verses 15 and 16.) Charity was the cardinal virtue of the Oriental world. To give alms to the poor was the common practice of the rich. Matt. vi., 1.) and not to do so was considered a reproach. (Job. er of Christ, a brother or sister in a desti-tute condition, approach another member of the same church, seeking ald, and no assist-ance be rendered, but instead words sending them away to "be warmed and filled" else-where. The picture is graphically drawn. Could such a man he approved? Would any one admit that he had a brother's love? Certainly not. One guilty of such indifference and hard-heartedness would be universally condemned by all true Christians. (I. John, se of faith. Both are to be evidenced by

Assertio .- This illustration, the form which could not be broken, is followed a hold and positive assertion (verse 17) lost. Deposit an acorn in the ground and give it good soil and abundant moisture and heat. If no stalk appears above the ground to grow into a tree that will bear fruit, there power is gone, and the acorn is dead. So, I lieves all of them-and is able to answer cor

Challenge. In the seventeenth verse faith and good work, are shown to be in-(Verse 18.) He invites any one to show his faith without works, in otter importability. of the person who claimed to possens it, for expressions. On the other hand, he who has men will know the interior life by what they see. (Matt., vil., 16.) This verse seems to diacount the value of testimony under the head of experience. A stern theologian of last century wrote thus: "I you are a Chriswill find it out. If you are a christian you need not declare it, for men will find it out. If you are not a Christian you gain othing by profession for no one will believe you." Both statepents are true, and so is another: "If one has faith and works he may speak for all

Ill believe." (Matt., v., 16.) Commendation. — The apostle's re marks thus far lead one to infer that he valued beliefs only as the springs of action. Such unwarranted Inference is opposed by verses 19 and 20. Does a man believe that there is one God? Does he reject other doctrines and limit homself to this single article? loest well." A deist is better than a polyheist, better than an atchist. Still, it must e remembered that the devils are deists-

nge their nature. Moreover, that faith rembie on account of it. (Matt., vill., 29.) Besides, the man holding such a faith, justly esteemed vain, must keep in mind that he lacks the vital principle. He is in the cealm of cold intellectuality, and knows nothing of that nobler and higher which is the product of an indwelling spirit, a life that blesses its possessor and the world be-

Conjunction .- The discussion has now advanced to a point where the truths stated may be applied specifically. The apostle, selects the great, historic char ecter, the father of the Jewish nation, to show that faith and works were conjoined (verses 21 and 22), and the offering up of saac was the test laid upon the patriarch by the Almighty. (Gen., xxii., 1-2.) Whatto that event, he was justified only when he I know," said the Lord to him. xxil., 12.) There was a measure of faith when Abraham left home, when he journeyed with his son to the place of secrifice, and it perfect only when the huife was unlifted. Boulevard and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth leader.

the other. This analysis of Abraham's char-

Imputation.-We are now brought to faith of Abraham, evidenced and perfected by works, was imputed unto him for right-cousness. (Verse 23.) To impute is to asribe, to attribute, to charge to. in this place simply means that God accountthis faith-not righteons in the sense that he had never done wrong, or that he was then morally perfect, but in the other sense that all his sins were pardoned and he was accepted as righteous because he so believed as to obey. This is the same justification as that by which a man now comes into favor with God. This is that righteousness which the Gospel offers in contradistinction to the righteousness of the law.) (Rom., iv., 3.) This is also the reason for the title given to Abraham. "The Friend of God" (Isa., xll., which title may be given to all of like faith. (John, xv., 14.)

Conclusion .- Some think that Paul and James hold opposing views, the one teaching that men are justified by faith (Rom., v., 1), the other that they are justified by works (verse 21). The great American in-fidel expended his sarcasm on this seeming contradiction of Scripture. The truth is the two apostles are in perfect accord. Paul writes of the interior and initial facts of religion. James of the exterior and consequent results. The first enjoins a faith which produced a good life, the other a good life that comes from faith. Paul would have men know that more attempts to conform to law were unavailing for salvation, that they must first of all believe. James urges with equal force that men must not stop with hefaith and with it good works. Faith and good works must go together, the one as the source, the other as the fruitage. Men are indeed justified by faith, but their faith is justified by their lives.

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vices Sunday morning in Finnish and in the of the friends and workers in Christ's mission, afternoon, at 5;30, in Swedish.

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Cumberland street, Brooklyn; Rev. Thornton B.
Lenfeld, pastor Morning subject. "The Cost of Peace:" evening. "The North American Indian."
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These are higher grounds for perpetuating the deal and tying soldlers, worthy as they are of honor, he highest justification of the day is as tingly and properly praising God and joy that the Divine wish of freedom and the second is that men may be the second is that the people of the Amorican hierarchy by the officials of the Apostolic Delegation.

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Religious News in Brief.

fansied, Oho, from July 1988 Mergea Dix have been visiting West Hampton, inspecting the improvements on their Summer home.

Sergeant-al-arms.

The latter, apparently, did not wait to be had withdrawn the charges referred to sent for. He promptly put in an appearance home.

Mr. Labouchere, however, persisted in saying to be led not done so. sents on their Summer Joine.

Rev. A. F. Newton and (smilly, of the Rochster Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn, cill spend their vacation in Stow, Mass., during mond, and the latter withdrew.

Dison's new assistant at the Hanson of Baptist Church, Brooklyn, the Rev. F. H. be, is widely known as a singer as well as rangellst, and in his new work he will both and preach.

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FIFTH AVENUE CHURCH, No. 708 Fifth are sunject. Rev. John Hril, D. D., pastor-Services, morning and afternoon; no evening service.

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cial Commission had established beyond question that Ireland was overtaxed. uestion that Ireiand was overtaxed.

After warning Mr. Ciancy, the chairman from the Father and in the most holy

o obey?"

"I do," exclaimed Mr. Clancy. "Then I call upon the sergeant at arms | Dassage ne makes a to enforce my order," was the next re- of the Holy Spirit. nark of the chairman.

William Redmond shouted: "Send for the Horse Guards!"

William Redmond Removed. William Redmond then said:

orderly. I consider it not only disorderly, brated at Pentecost in all the cathedral churches, and if the bishops think it wise but grossly criminal to not only rob a in all other churches and chapels."

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draw from the remainder of to-day's sit- on me," retorted Mr. Beit.

"I certainly will not withdraw," said Mr. Labouchere.

top Hurst announces that the semi-annual of the Roard of Shahops of the Methoda a protest against the overtaxation of fre-Erdsceppi Church will be held in Balti-October 27. "I object to the vote. A uniority of the Irish people believe they are overtaxed"anneal anneal med a Christian Endeavor bicycle squad, with a Friestine Smith as captain. They intend the fray, and he promptly met Mr. Field, the fray, and he promptly met Mr. Field,

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Appeal to the Churches. The letter begins as follows:

"Venerable brothers, health and apos-

remarked:

"If the Honorable Member persists, I must rule his conduct as being grossly disorderly and request him to withdraw."

This called forth from Mr. Clancy the remark: "I consider your decision unjust and I am not disposed to submit to injustice."

The Chairman said:

The Pope goes on to explain the desire of Jesus Chairman for the constant of the constant

The Chairman said:
"I have directed the Honorable Member to withdraw and I understand he refuses much the aid of the Holy Ghost is needed much the aid of the Holy Ghost is needed. to accomplish this worthy end, and in this passage he makes an earnest appeal to the Eastern churches that deny the procession After portraying the important part that

the Holy Ghost exercises in the sanctifica-Clancy's seat, and immediately on his arrival there Mr. Clancy arose and withdrew with the Sergeant at Arms.

"We therefore decree and order that on "Opinious may differ as to what is dis-

numerical and closing exercises of the marked seems abundantly proved that Ireland as Section of the Jewish Constant Sisterhood will take place to-morrow at 3 o'clock at the synagogue, Sixty et and Madison avenue.

Country, but to gag its representatives. It has been abundantly proved that Ireland is overtaxed.

LABOUCHERE IS DEFIANT.

The Chairman interrupted Mr. Redmond, Being Chailenged by Mr. Beit to Prove His saying: Charges, He Declares He

The rooms of the New York Flower Mission it No. 104 East Twentieth street, will be open of two. 104 East Twentieth street, will be open of two parts of the state of raising the question. If the honorable of raising the question if the honorable member persists I am afraid I must enforce the same order."

Mr. Hedmond persisted, saying:

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mond, exclaiming:

"The honorable member is now grossly disorderly, and I must request him to with-

"Then I will prove them." replied Mr. General 8-bod of the Evangelical Luth-Church holds its around convention at geld. Ohio, from June D to June 16.

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